

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] Preferably, the flame simulating assembly 10 also includes a flame effect element 46, for configuring light from the light source 16 to form the image of flames 11. The flame effect element 46 is positioned in the path of light 19 from the light source 16 between the light source 16 and the screen 18. The flame effect element 46 can include one or more apertures (not shown) for configuring light passing through the apertures ~~forming~~ into the image of flames 11 (Fig. 3A). A similar flame effect element is described in U.S. Patent No. 5,642,580 and in U.S. Patent No. 6,363,636. U.S. Patent No. 6,363,636 is hereby incorporated herein by reference.